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***REMARKS***

By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 22 and 23, amended claims 1-21 and added claim 24. Claims 1-21 and 24 are pending in the application.

In the Requirement for Restriction mailed February 24, 2006, the Examiner stated that the captioned application includes three distinct inventions: Invention I, claims 1-10, drawn to a method for molding, classified in class 264, subclass 328.1; Invention II, claims 11-21, drawn to a soft needle catheter, classified in class 604, subclass 264; and Invention III, claim 22, drawn to a mold, classified in class 425, subclass 126.1.

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-10 and new claim 24, with traverse.

As set forth in claims 1 and 11, the present invention is directed to a method of making a catheter by moulding and a catheter made the method. As amended herein, the integral relationship between the method and the catheter made by the method has been clarified. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement as between Groups I and II is therefore requested.

With this amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition

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for examination on the merits. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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